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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance statement in the Notice of Allowability dated September 27, 2006 for the above-referenced application, please enter the following comments.

The Examiner stated in the Reasons for Allowance that none of the references cited "teach an opening which is as large as the widest diameter of the container." Applicants note that similar language was deducted from the original independent claims, and the independent claims were amended during prosecution to recite that the upper rim defines a maximum width of the container.

Applicants respectfully request that this paper be entered into the file wrapper for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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